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## Miss Rotten



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Many other types of trees, shrubs, and vines add their splendor. "Blue Eyes" bushy vine of Banksia in Florida searched often. There are a lot of flowers.



# Miss Rain



- MY EARLINE WEARING GIRL .....
- JULY MASCHALADE BIRTHDAY .....
- THE LOST CHILD'S SMILE .....
- ALWAYS WITH YOU .....

"I WANTED TO DANCE THE LAST WALTZ"

*Ladies & Gentlemen!*

HERE, HERE! IT'S TIME TO DANCE  
THE LAST WALTZ OF THE PARTY!

FIND SOME COURAGE,  
GRAB SOMEONE'S HAND  
AND COME OUT TO THE  
DANCE FLOOR!





PORE

CLICK

W. FOR  
HON. GARDEN  
ALREADY?? WHAT  
ABOUT THE LAST  
WALTER

I  
WOULDN'T  
WANT TO  
LIMIT  
MYSELF TO  
JUST ONE  
PARTNER



splash

darker

after

SA-901

SA-902

MISS GAIN

MISS GAIN

I GET HER  
REAL IDENTITY  
IS KURAMITSU  
SENNA! THEY  
SAY WHERE-  
EVER SHE  
GOES, IT  
ALWAYS  
ENDS UP  
POURING.

DON'T YOU  
GET IT? THIS  
MEANS THAT  
THE IDOL  
MISS RAIN  
WENT TO  
OUR SCHOOL!  
I GET HER  
REAL IDENTITY  
IS KURAMITSU  
SENNA!

IF SHE WAS  
REALLY  
WEARING  
MISS RAIN  
SHOES, SHE  
MUST BE A  
BEAUTIFUL  
GIRL, RIGHT?

K!  
GOOD-  
NESS!

SHE'S  
THE  
FAMOUS  
RAIN  
GIRL!

MISS  
RAIN!

SHE'S SO  
FAMOUS, SHE'S  
LIKE THE  
DAUGHTER OF A  
POLITICIAN (SHE'S  
AN IMPORTANT  
LADY).

I SEE, SO  
THAT'S WHY  
IT STARTED  
RAINING AT  
LAST NIGHT'S  
PARTY.

**BANG**

MISS RAIN ♡







THERE'S  
DEFINITELY NO  
WAY A GIRL IN  
OUR SCHOOL  
COULD AFFORD  
THAT.

YEAH!  
THEY'RE  
SO  
EXPENSIVE!

BUT WHY  
"MISS RAIN"  
CLOTHES?

"MISS  
RAIN" IS  
THE NAME  
OF THAT  
LABEL  
THAT GIRL  
WEARS.  
RIGHT?

HER  
ALPHAETTE  
IS SO  
BEAUTIFUL  
THIN AND  
FLUTTERY.



YOU'RE WRONG.  
THERE'S A GIRL  
HERE WHO DOES.

NO.



"MISS RAIN"  
WAS WORN BY  
A GIRL  
SOAKED IN  
WATER, AND  
COVERED IN  
MUD.





MY  
SHOE!



I HAVE BEEN WAITING  
FOR YOU, MY  
PRINCESS.



.....



SINCE THIS  
SHOE FITS YOU  
PERFECTLY, YOU  
ARE NOW A  
MEMBER IN MY  
NEW CLUB!  
FROM NOW ON  
I'LL WALK YOU  
TO AND FROM  
SCHOOL!

COM-  
MUNICATE



I DON'T KNOW  
ABOUT THIS. NEW  
SHOES ARE SO COOL.  
ALL THIS STUFF JUST  
TO IMPRESS THAT YEN  
GOODED GINA.

WE'RE GOING TO SAVED  
THOUGHT.

GO

IT LEAST  
BE IN  
THE CLUB



yay!

ALL RIGHT!  
EVERYONE HERE  
IS NOW A NEW  
MEMBER! WE'LL  
HOLD OUR FIRST  
OFFICIAL MEETING  
THIS MONDAY!

WELL DONE, BUT I'VE GOT  
THE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOU!



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IF MISS RAIN IS ON  
STUDENT COUNCIL,  
SHE CAN'T JOIN  
OUR CLUB!

IT'LL  
DEFINITELY  
RAIN ON  
SUNDAY

IF I DO,  
IT'LL  
DEFINITELY  
RAIN  
EVERYONE  
OUT

IT'LL  
RAIN

THE NAME IS  
FUKUKAMA NO!  
EVERYONE  
CALLS ME K  
IT'S AN  
HONOR TO  
MEET YOU,  
MISS RAIN  
WILL WE SEE  
YOU ON  
SUNDAY?



NOT  
UNLESS  
SHE QUILTS  
THE  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL



**BANG**

WOW,  
IT'S MISS  
RAIN!  
I HEAR SHE'S  
PART OF A  
SPECIAL NEW  
CLUB

♪

SLASH  
SLASH  
SLASH

HOW  
DAVE  
HE?!  
THAT GUY  
IS SO  
RUDE!



THOSE "MISS DAY"  
CLOTHES LOOKED  
GOOD ON YOU AT  
THE PARTY LAST  
NIGHT. THAT'S WHY  
PEOPLE CALL YOU  
THAT NOW.

YOU  
SHOULD  
BE  
HONORED.

CALLING ME  
MISS DAY.  
SINCE I'M  
A MISS  
SLEEPING  
GAL.

I  
WONDED  
WHO  
CAME UP  
WITH  
THAT.



IS THE  
PRESIDENT  
SLEEPING?



I'M  
JANISSE



COME ON  
NANI. THAT'S  
NOT JANISSE'S  
SLEEPING.



ONE PRESIDENT AND  
TWO VICE PRESIDENTS  
ARE ALL THE STUDENT  
COUNCIL NEEDS!

YOU  
SHOULD  
FIND MORE  
PEOPLE  
THAT WORK  
IS HARD!



I CAN ALWAYS  
RELAX HERE, IT'S  
QUIET AND  
THERE'S USUALLY  
NO ONE ELSE  
AROUND.



BEHIDES THIS IS NICE. HAVING A CASTLE FOR JUST THE THREE OF US

RON

IT'S FINE, BARRY. DON'T WORRY SO MUCH

DON'T WORRY SO MUCH

IS THIS REALLY ONLY PERCENT LEAVING MEAL SERVED BY HERSELF?

I SHOULD BE THE ONE SERVING MEALS





IT'S NOT  
RAINING,  
IS IT?

IT'S NOT  
RAINING.

BYE  
BYE!

I'M NOT  
SOME KIND  
OF WEATHER  
BOY!

NAH!  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
HERE  
WITH ME!

I HOPE  
YOU'RE NOT  
OVER-  
INCLUDING  
YOURSELF

RAINY

IT'D BE NICE  
IF PEOPLE  
DIDN'T  
ALWAYS DO  
WHAT THEY  
WANTED

I THINK  
YOU'RE MUCH  
SETTER AS  
BUNT THAN AS  
MR. CLEANMATH  
OR MR. DAN

OH-  
CALM.

HOW ABOUT WE JUST ASK  
NAMES, DENAL, NEW DANK, AND  
CALL ME DORNO? I THINK THAT  
SOUNDED BETTER THAN  
MR. DAN



THAT'S  
TOO BAD



AND WHAT IS ALL THIS  
SPECIAL MEANED  
NONSE ABOUT. I'D  
PREFER IT IF YOU DON'T  
KEEP FOLLOWING ME  
AROUND, YOU KNOW.



I THINK  
THAT'S  
BETTER  
GETTING

SO YOU  
HAPPENED  
TO PICK UP  
MY SHOES  
AT THAT  
PARTY?

OUCH



EVEN IF YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
ANY BETTER  
THAT IT WAS  
FATE.



BECAUSE IT  
WAS DESTINY  
THAT WE MET  
THAT NIGHT.











SWING

I came to  
get my  
shoes back,  
just for  
my shoes.



TO BE  
HONEST, I  
MIGHT SLIDE  
YOUR SHOES  
UP

WELL  
COME

WOULD  
YOU  
LIKE  
SOME  
CANDY  
TEA?



I JUST  
CAME FOR  
MY SHOES -



WHAT A  
HUGE PILE OF  
SHOES ON GOOD-  
MORNING!



I WAS  
JUST  
BREWING  
SOME  
YOU'VE  
GOT  
SWEET  
TWINING!



MISS RAIN,  
GO AHEAD,  
HELP  
YOURSELF!

There  
Look  
There  
are the  
two

There  
are the  
two

HEY  
MISS RAIN!  
WILL YOU HELP  
US OUT WITH  
OUR CANDY  
DRINK?  
PLEASE?





AMAZING!  
HIS DANCE  
REALLY  
DID MAKE IT  
DANCE!

POP

AH, IT'S  
DANCING!

POP

POP



BUT  
WHY?

PUPP  
WHAT'S ALL  
THIS LAST  
WALTZ STUFF  
ABOUT?



AH

ACTUALLY, I  
WENT HOME  
DURING  
THAT...



IT WAS  
HOLDING AT  
THE PARTY  
TODAY

HEY  
MISS DANCE,  
I GET YOU  
HAD TONS OF  
DANCERS FOR  
THE LAST  
DANCE, RIGHT?

APPROXIMATELY  
FOUR HUNDRED



YOU DON'T  
KNOW? IT'S  
A SCHOOL  
TRADITION

AT OUR END OF  
THE YEAR PARTY,  
DURING THE LAST  
WALTZ DANCE,



YEAH, HE  
CHOOSE THE  
OTHER SIDE  
PRESIDENT OF  
THE STUDENT  
COUNCIL.

Maybe  
it's just

OH, SO  
THEN THE  
PRESIDENT.

YOU'RE  
SUPPOSED  
TO  
CONFESS  
YOUR  
LOVE

TO THE ONE  
YOU LOVE  
AND BECOMING  
A COUPLE  
FOR THE  
DANCE.

— ACTUALLY, I'VE  
BEEN THINKING  
ABOUT THE STUDENT  
COUNCIL, FOR  
A WHILE.

BUT  
WHY?

THAT'S  
NOT LIKE  
YOU AT  
ALL, ADD  
EVEN.

IT'S NOT LIKE  
THIS PLACE. IT  
JUST WANTED  
ME KNOWLEDGE  
AND TENGE.

MAYBE I  
REALLY  
WILL GOIT





BEFORE,  
WHENEVER  
YOU SMILED  
YOU LOOKED  
SO LOVELY

THAT'S  
ALL

WHEN  
YOU  
DO IT  
LIKE  
THAT

IT MAKES  
ME WANT  
TO HEAR IT.

IT'S  
NICE



THE  
TRUTH  
IS...

I CAN  
NEVER  
MAKE  
MYSELF  
FEEL AT  
EASE



BA-DUM



WONDER  
IF THEY'RE  
ALREADY  
DONE FOR  
TODAY

IT'S  
SOMETHING  
I'VE NEVER  
BEEN ABLE  
TO DO



STUCKY  
CONTROL

THE  
MINDS  
ARE  
OUT

THAT IT  
WAS FATED  
TO BE...

really?

HA-HA

BUT I KNEW  
AS SOON  
AS WE MET  
IN STUDENT  
COUNCIL...

DON'T LAUGH  
WHEN I SAY  
THIS...

HA-HA

THUNDER

I ALSO  
—

IT WAS  
DESTINY

KNEW  
AS WELL

WHY?





YEAH

IT'S  
DIFFERENT  
ISN'T IT?

BUT  
NOW



RANNY

"THIS CASTLE IS THE THREE  
OF OLDS."



MY HEART  
FELT NO  
PAINFUL  
BACK THEN,  
LIKE NOW.

THE PRESIDENT  
WAS REALLY  
FRIENDLY, VERY  
SWEET AND  
IDEALLY  
CHANGING TO US  
BOTH



IN FRONT  
OF THE  
MEETING  
ROOM

HAIR AND I BOTH  
MET THE ATTENDANT  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
ON THE SAME DAY



I FELT IT  
BACK THEN  
TODAY, THAT  
IT WAS  
DESTINY



"HOW ABOUT THIS,  
I'LL BE PRESIDENT,  
AND YOU BOTH CAN  
BE MY VICE  
PRESIDENTS?"



DID  
YOU  
KNOW?



WEARING  
A "MISS  
RAIN" DRESS.

I WAITED  
ANXIOUSLY  
FOR THE  
LAST WALTZ.

"YOU'RE GOING  
TO THE PARTY  
RIGHT, RAIN?  
YOU MUST GO.  
WHAT DRESS  
ARE YOU GOING  
TO WEAR?"

IT  
SEEMED  
A LITTLE  
FOOLISH



"I THINK I'LL CALL YOU RAIN. I LIKE THAT  
MUCH BETTER THAN MISS RAIN."



ARE YOU  
DREAM-  
POUNDED?



I'M JUST  
AN  
ORDINARY  
GIRL.

I'M NOT  
REALLY  
"MISS  
RAIN."

FOR  
THE  
FIRST  
TIME

I FELT LIKE  
THERE WAS  
SOMEONE WHO  
REALLY  
UNDERSTOOD  
ME



BUT IT SEEMS  
LIKE DESTINED  
MEETINGS ARE  
PRETTY  
COMMON  
AFTER ALL

YOU  
SAID  
OUR  
MEETING  
WAS  
DESTINY

NO, NOT  
AT ALL



"IT WAS  
DESTINY"  
FOOL."

"I COULD  
FEEL



"IT WAS  
DESTINY"

"IT WAS DESTINY"



IT CAN'T REALLY  
BE A DESTINED  
MEETING IF ONLY  
ONE PERSON  
RECOGNIZES IT  
AS FATE

DIDN'T  
YOU  
KNOW?





"I'LL MAKE  
YOU FORGET  
HIM."

"WHAT  
HAPPENED THAT  
HE JUST  
DASH?"

HE DASHED  
AND I FEEL  
SO FRUSTRATED.

DASH

DASH!!



OH NO,  
I FORGOT  
MY BAG



I WILL...





I DON'T  
CARE  
ABOUT THE  
REST.

SO,

I LOVE YOU



"I DON'T CARE."



I  
UNDERSTAND  
NOW...

THAT  
PRECIOUS  
FEELING

YES

BECAUSE  
HE LOVES  
ME

EVEN THOUGH  
IT'S HOUSE  
AND ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF  
TOWN, HE STILL  
WALKED TOWARD  
AND FROM  
SCHOOL FIRST.

YOU'RE  
MISS RAIN  
FIRST?

YES, THE  
"VOLLEY"  
SOCIETY  
WAS JUST  
ANOTHER  
WALK OF IT'S

Great work

WROOSH

THAT  
PERSONAL

IT'S  
OVERO

FEELING

AMMM...

MISS RAIN

"HER BIGGEST  
MISTAKE."

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OH YEAH? I  
CAME HERE TO  
BRING THIS TO  
YOU, BUT THEN HE  
LEFT RIGHT AWAY  
AGAIN...

AND...



WAS HIMNO SUCH A  
GREAT GUY LOVE HER,  
AND NOT EVER  
NOTICING IT.

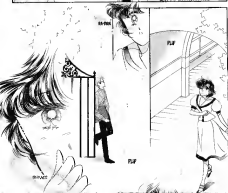
YOU MEAN ME?



HE SAID  
FOR ME  
TO TELL  
YOU...

THAT HE  
WOULDN'T  
FOLLOW  
YOU ANYMORE  
ANYMORE







I LOVE

THE RAIN.



ACTUALLY  
I JUST WANTED  
TO TALK TO YOU  
I USUALLY  
DON'T CARRY  
AN UMBRELLA.

EVER SINCE MY  
DESTINED MEETING  
WITH MISS RAIN,  
IT'S RAINED EVERY  
SINGLE DAY.

BUT,

I KNOW

I SAID I  
WOULDN'T  
FOLLOW  
HOW DARE

WHEN I SAID I  
DIDN'T CARE IF MY  
LOVE WAS  
UNREQUITED..  
I WAS LYING.





DID THESE SHOES  
ABANDONED  
BY THEIR COOL  
OWNERS, EVER  
GET BACK TO  
YOU?



YES,  
BUT  
WHAT'S  
THIS?



I JUST  
CAN'T  
DO IT.

I CAN'T JUST  
GIVE UP ON A  
WONDERFUL GIRL  
LIKE YOU, WHO  
ALWAYS CALLS  
THE DAI I LOVE  
SO MUCH.



BUT AS IT  
TURNS OUT,  
WOMEN'S  
SHOES ARE  
WAY TOO  
EXPENSIVE  
FOR ME.

"They won't  
see 8000  
for that pair!"



TO GET YOU A  
COPY OF THOSE  
SHOES AS A  
PRESENT TO YOU.

I  
REALLY  
WANTED



I'VE,



REALLY?



A  
MAGIC  
BOX?

IT PLAYS  
A SONG  
CALLED  
"WITH DAI."



I'VE  
BEEN  
WAITING  
SO  
LONG...

WANTING TO  
CONFESS MY  
FEELINGS TO  
YOU IN THE  
RAIN.



WOULD YOU  
PLEASE...



DANCE THIS LAST  
WALTZ WITH ME?



YES

A WONDERFUL RAINY

WALTZ

THE END.



I really, really adore the rain. Actually, I'm something of a "rain girl" myself.

I've had lots of rainy days - in fact, both my school entrance exam and my graduation ceremony were rainy days. If it's

drizzling outside, I like to walk

around without an umbrella. I also

adore driving in the rain. I also

like to sit alone in my house on rainy days, doing nothing at all,

just gazing at the soaked landscape

outdoors. And sometimes, I like to

think about the one I'm in love with,

and it makes me feel so romantic that I want to see him right away.

I'm always in love. As my heart pounds, I draw manga while I think

about the wonderful romantic relationships, and the

one I love. Are you in love? While I was

drawing "Miss Rain", I found I was actually in

love with a pair of wonderful shoes. They

were these amazing Italian shoes from a

store in the T Hotel I often visited in Hibiya

district. But they were so expensive...so the

relationship ended as an unrequited love.

My darling K character was going to be a high

school student at first, but then a friend

mentioned that if I did that, he'd come off as

a snobby, yuppie, Italian jerk. I wonder if

there's some kind of high-class, snobby, elite

company man dressed in Italian-brand suits

out there reading this right now! That's OK.

"Miss Rain" is a work I loved to create,

packed full of only the things I love.



# *My Earring Wearing Girl*





Hey Yuumi, even if you find someone you  
love one day... stay with me

because we're twins



UGH, I CAN'T  
TAKE THIS  
ANYMORE, I'M  
ABOUT TO DIE  
OF BOREDOM!



**BANG**

YEAH, IT'S A  
PERFECT SHOT.  
WE'VE GONE 34  
TURN IN A ROW TO  
THIS... NOW WE'LL  
BREAK THE DRY  
SPELL.

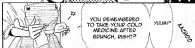


**FANG**

YUUMI  
DO YOU  
HAVE A  
GAMBO



HEY  
YUUMI,  
HAVE  
YOU  
SEEN  
ANY  
GASE-  
BALL  
BUT?



IT FEELS GREAT!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE BEEN OUTSIDE!

COUGH  
COUGH

OH, YEAH! AHA! YOUR MAF MEDICINE!

WHY THAT YUMMY!

I DON'T CARE THAT WE'VE LOST 34 GAMES IN A ROW - WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF YOU GET DISCOVERED?

there's a game?

YUUKA! COME ON, WE'RE BEGGING YOU - WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

YUUKA!

THE KOTO PREFECTURE SHADOWS! THEY'RE SETTING A NEW RECORD - 70 WINS IN A ROW!

OUR OPPONENTS ARE THE BEST TEAM IN THE LEAGUE.

TODAY IT'S COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE!

WHAT DON'T YOU GUYS WARM UP? PLEASE!

340





WOW, SHE GOT A  
HOMERUN  
OFF OF KARELAW!

SERIOUS  
-LY??

WHOOOOOSH



WOO  
ROOM



HIGH FIVE

NO  
FREAKS



I SEE...  
SO THAT'S  
WHAT'S UP.  
THAT'S  
SOME KIND  
OF TRICK.



HEY  
WAIT A  
MINUTE



IT WAS A  
TERRIBLE  
IDEA FOR  
US TO  
SWITCH  
PLACES!



yuum!



YEAH! YOU'RE  
A WORRY WART!  
I'M JUST THIRSTY  
FROM ALL THAT  
CHASING!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR  
FEVER? ARE YOU  
OKAY? PLAYING  
BASEBALL EVEN  
WHEN YOU'RE ILL...

YEAH,  
ALMOST  
DROVE  
OFF THE  
GAT.

ONE  
FOUR  
OUT!



YOU WANT  
MY SPECIAL  
HARD ICE  
MILK TEA,  
DADDY?

GEEZEE







I WAS JUST  
THINKING THAT I  
SHOULD HAVE  
LEAVE YOU ON  
YOUR OWN



I'M LEAVING!  
COME ON  
YUKI, HURRY,  
HURRY!



SHES ARE  
USELESS!

★  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING  
SHES  
SHOULDN'T  
BE  
ALLOWED  
TO PLAY!



DO YOU  
REALLY THINK  
IT'S OK FOR  
SHES TO  
PLAY  
BASEBALL?

I KNEW IF  
YOU WERE  
THE ONE  
PLAYING IN  
THE GAME  
YESTERDAY



OH KAGURA!  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING HERE?  
GO AHEAD  
YUKI!



IT'S NOT WONDERFUL  
HIS TEAM CAN'T WIN,  
WHEN THE CAPTAIN  
IS SUCH A DISTASTIC  
LOSER.

THAT  
WAS JUST  
GOOD LUCK

IT WAS  
NOT  
JUST  
LUCK!

THIS GUY IS TRYING TO  
MAKE FOOLS OF ME AND  
YUKI!

REMEMBER, THE  
ONE WHO GETS  
THEIR ASS  
BEAT BY A GUY!

YUKI, JUST  
APOLOGIZE  
SO WE CAN  
GET SCRAP!

YUKI!

☆

GO  
AHEAD  
WITHOUT  
ME!

I'LL  
CATCH  
UP IN A BIT!

GRRR

GO AHEAD  
PLAY WE  
KNOW  
WE'LL BEAT  
WHO CAN

MAKE  
ANOTHER  
FOOL OF  
OUR

WHEN AN ANNOYING  
GUY GOES BY HE  
KNOWS THAT TO  
BEAT HIM EASILY!

BUT TOO BAD  
KAGURA, IF YOU  
WANT ANOTHER  
NAME YOU'RE  
GOING TO HAVE  
TO FACE ME!

SORRY

ANOTHER  
NAME IS  
FINE BY  
ME.

BUT THIS TIME  
THE REAL FUEL  
HAD TO PLAY  
AGAINST ME



IF I WIN, YOU  
HAVE TO AGREE  
TO DO ANYTHING  
I SAY!

IF  
YOU  
LOSE

I WILL  
DEFINITELY  
BEAT YOU

SOUNDS  
FINE

THEN YOU'LL  
HAVE TO DO  
WHATEVER I  
SAY



LOSER



WHAT?  
ALL  
A-CHIEV  
WHAT'D SHE DO?

YOU SAID ARE THE  
ONLY 8TH GRADE  
WAS STILL SHAME A BOY  
YOU KNOW WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING TO DO WHEN  
YOU'RE BOTH ALL  
GROWN UP?

WHERE'S  
YUUKA?

THE FIRST TIME YOU  
SAY AFTER YOU WERE  
UP TO TO ASK ME  
WHERE YUUKA IS  
REALLY? SHE LEFT  
ALREADY

WHERE THE  
HECK DID  
YUUKA GO?



SWING

HIHP

SWING



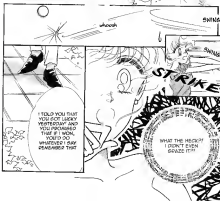
SWING



THIS IS  
THE  
STING  
ZONE

I  
ALREADY  
KNOW  
THAT.

AND YOU  
ONLY GET  
THREE  
BALLS  
BEFORE  
YOU STING  
OUT



SWING

SWING

SWING

STRIKE

I TOLD YOU THAT  
YOU GOT LUCKY  
YESTERDAY! AND  
YOU PROMISED  
THAT IF I WON,  
YOU'D DO  
WHATEVER I SAW  
PROMISED THAT

WHAT THE HECK??  
I DIDN'T EVEN  
GLAZE IT!!





ASKING ME THAT  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN, I  
GET HE WAS  
TRYING TO  
MAKE ME  
FART

WHAT SHOULD  
THAT WOULD  
KARURA GE  
THINKING??

"TH  
WINDS"





THIS  
ISN'T YOUR  
BATTLE,  
YUUKI!



WE WERE HAVING  
A MATCH TODAY,  
AND IF I WON HE  
WAS GOING TO  
HAVE TO DO  
WHATEVER I TOLD  
HIM TO DO... BUT  
ACTUALLY, I LOST

IT  
WAS A  
GAME!



REALLY? DID  
HE SAY YOU  
HAD TO DO  
SOMETHING  
FOR HIM IF  
YOU LOST?



SAD?



STARTING  
TOMORROW, I'M  
GOING TO START  
WALKING TO  
SCHOOL ON MY  
OWN



ANYWAY,  
YUUKI!



OH?  
OH?



TIME TO  
GET UP





BUT WHO WOULD  
HAVE THOUGHT  
YOU COULD  
CONVINCE THAT  
GIRL TO STAND  
BY ME?

HAVE A GOOD  
NIGHT?? I KNEW  
YOU WERE A NO  
GOOD BASTARD!



AH,  
SEE  
YOU!

HAVE A  
GOOD  
NIGHT!



HAVE A  
GOOD  
NIGHT  
YEAH?



OH REALLY THEN  
WHERE IS SHE? SHE  
LOST HER MATCH  
YESTERDAY YOU KNOW

I'VE NEVER TOLD  
A GIRL TO STAND  
BY ME!



HAPPY, YOU'RE  
JUST ANGRY THAT  
A GIRL WHO A  
BETTER PLAYER  
THAN YOU AT  
THAT MATCH ONE  
OTHER DAY!





DECIDED  
THAT I'M GOING  
TO ATTEND  
HACHIOUJI  
BOARDING  
SCHOOL FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL.

I'VE



☆  
BWAAAAP!

YUKI!

I'VE MADE UP MY  
MIND AND I'VE  
APPLIED TO TAKE  
SOME COLLEGE  
PREP COURSES TOO.  
IN FACT I BEGIN THEM  
NEXT WEEK! SO I'LL  
BE LATE COMING  
HOME.

WHAT?!  
YUKI! WAIT A  
MINUTE,  
HACHIOUJI  
BOARDING  
SCHOOL?!  
ARE YOU  
SERIOUS?

I'VE ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
GO TO A HIGH  
RANKED ELITE  
BOYS  
BOARDING  
SCHOOL!





I DON'T CARE!  
I'VE GONE TOO  
LONG WITHOUT  
HAVING ANY  
JOICE!

HEY WHAT THE HELL  
ARE YOU DOING!  
WELLER BURNED HER  
TOO MUCH JOICE!

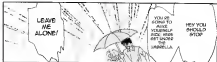
SLAM



WITH PAIN  
AND IT  
SEEMS I'VE  
GONE  
THROUGH  
ABOUT AN  
UMBRELLA  
OF MY OWN



IN FACT  
I'VE ALWAYS  
GONE HOME



LEAVE  
ME  
ALONE!

YOU ARE  
GOING TO  
KISS  
YOURSELF  
AND, HELL  
GET UNDER  
THE  
UMBRELLA

HEY YOU  
SHOULD  
STOP!



AND NOW YOU'VE  
BE GONE SO  
LEAVE ME GOING  
WHILE HE GOES  
TO A BOYS  
BOYSCHOOL  
SCHOOL.

HE HAS  
NEED  
SOME  
HOME  
WITHOUT  
ME  
BEFORE



BOOM





WHY DON'T  
YOU FACE  
THE OUTSIDE  
WORLD?

I DON'T LIKE  
TO THINK  
ABOUT THAT  
DAY COMING.



SO THEN WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING TO DO  
WHEN HE FINDS  
ANOTHER GIRL HE LIKES?

I MEAN, LIKE  
DOING SOMETHING  
WITHOUT YOUR  
BOOTHED

THE  
OUTSIDE?



LET'S  
GO HOME  
TOGETHER



LIKE FOR  
INSTANCE



I CAN'T GO  
HOME NOW,  
I'LL JUST  
GET IN A  
FIGHT WITH  
YUKI!





SOB



ASH

SH-G



SLAM

HEY YUUKO, HADN'T YUUKO COME OUT FROM HIS ROOM YET? IT'S DARNED TIME



WHAT? YOU'RE RIGHT? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT'S EVER HAPPENED, RIGHT? FIRST YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO A BOARDING SCHOOL, AND NOW THIS



XXXX

Yuuko's Room

YUUKO? HEY

WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU LATELY?

☆





MY  
STOMACH  
IS KILLING  
ME...



YUUKI?



BUT  
YUUKI, YOU  
WERE SO  
ANGRY YOU  
WOULDN'T  
LISTEN TO  
ME.

WHY DON'T  
YOU CALL  
FOR ME IF  
ONCE?

YUUKI?  
WHAT  
HAPPENED?  
ARE YOU  
OK?

HOW?

WHAT?!

YUUKI

HEHE! I'M  
LET'S CALL  
FOR AN  
AMBULANCE

HEY, ARE YOU IN  
HEHE? WHAT'S  
GONG ON?



WHY  
ARE YOU  
LAUGHING  
THAT  
ALL A SUDDEN?



YUUKI, IS  
THERE  
SOMEONE  
YOU'RE IN  
LOVE WITH?



I WON'T SEE  
KATSUMI ANYMORE!

I KNOW THAT HE'S  
THE REASON OUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
CHANGED! I PROMISE  
NOT TO SEE HIM  
ANYMORE, SO...



BUT  
I JUST...

I JUST  
DON'T  
WANT THIS  
CLOSENESS  
TO BE OVER  
ALREADY!



I KNOW THAT  
WE CAN'T ALWAYS  
BE THIS CLOSE  
FOREVER



PLEASE  
STAY  
CLOSE  
TO ME

I UNDERSTAND  
YOUR

DON'T LEAVE  
AND GO SO  
FAR AWAY



SAKURA

I'LL  
ALWAYS  
STAY  
NEAR  
YOU,  
YUKIHO



ARE YOU  
OR? YOU  
WERE  
ASLEEP  
FOR A  
WHILE

I KNEW  
YOU'D FALL  
ASLEEP AFTER  
DRINKING  
ALL THAT  
JUICE AND  
VAMPIRE  
CUT IN THE  
DARK



GASP

KARLEMAN  
WHAT ARE  
YOU  
DOING  
HERE?



HE KEPT  
CALLING  
ME

THE  
KARLEMAN





ALL BECAUSE  
YOU COULDN'T  
JUST LEAVE HER  
ALONE!

IT'S YOUR FAULT  
YUUKI CAUGHT A COLD!

ALWAYS

THERE  
ALWAYS  
HAD BEEN

I'D SAID  
MY PIECE

IS THERE  
SOMEONE  
YOU LOVE?

JEAZ





OUCH



AND  
THAT ONE  
PERSON  
IS YOU



I SEE  
NOW IT  
IS



I'M  
SORRY

IN YOUR  
PLACE

IF HE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE AROUND TO PROTECT HER



GIVE ME  
IT'S MY  
TURN  
FOR PROTECT

THAT'S FINE WITH ME



LOOKS LIKE YOU  
CAN'T RESIST  
FROM YOUR TWIN  
BROTHER JUST YET

HAIR

MY

ORANGE EATING HEADING 501

I JUST NEED A  
LITTLE MORE  
TIME...

YOUR

★★ THE END ★★

I'm really glad to see all these short stories of mine collected together in this book. The titles mesh so well together!

I have three piercings on each of my ears. And often times, people ask me, "Why three?" Well, the truth is, I just wanted to wear pearl earrings lined up, going from  smallest to large at the bottom. They look awesome. On my birthday, March 15th, I received tons of new earrings from some of my fans. It made me so happy! Tee hee. Thank you all so much for them! There were so many cute little star and moon earrings. I wonder if that's because of the manga I'm in the middle of writing now, "Sailor Moon"....



Anyway, I like tear-drop earrings like these the best. They're so cute, they're teardrop shaped.



"My Earring Wearing Girl" is a story I wrote just after I graduated from college. I set it in an area I used to always go to back then, the Outer Gardens of the Meiji Shrine in Shinjyuku in Tokyo. The gardens are extremely beautiful, and when you're there after a rainstorm in the summer it's the best feeling in the world. (The spring cherry blossoms are very pretty, too!)

# *July Marmalade Birthday*





"July Marmalade Birthday"

This is another story I wrote just after graduating college. I adore lemon marmalade! The person Amari was modeled after was this guy I liked a long time ago, back in junior high and high school. Like Amari and Mila, we and the guy I liked used to argue a lot too. We were awful at communicating, and so talking to him always made my heart beat fast. I used to get all dolled up and then sneakily watch him play tennis at the courts.

True to my artform as a girlie manga fanatic, I've had lots of little romances!



This morning I got up before my alarm went off



Cal Sun Mon Tu Wed **Th** Fri Sat Sun Mon Tu  
1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7 8 9 10 11

For some reason my heart was pounding



TODAY IS MY 16TH BIRTHDAY









Note: allusion is a type of sport game  
kind of like a war between pointing and  
capture the flag.

IS MY  
UNRELIABLE  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIEND

AS SOON AS  
WE GOT TO  
HIGH SCHOOL,  
WE HAVE BEEN  
IN DIFFERENT  
CLASSES

PER

AMAR

AND THAT JEW DIDN'T EVEN  
NOTICE

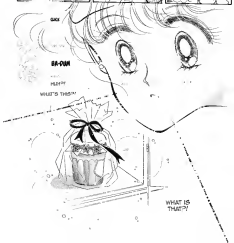
NO MORE I  
JUST ACQUANT  
THIS ONE, I  
LOVE IT!

OKAY I'M  
GIVING THIS  
FROM YOU  
AS MY 10TH  
BIRTHDAY  
PRESENT!  
AND I WANT  
THAT  
WORLDWIDE  
OF YOURS  
COOL

THIS  
HEADLAND

THAT I'M  
WEARING  
TODAY





slow

YOU ALREADY  
GOT A PRESENT?  
THAT STUFF IS  
DELICIOUS. WHO  
GAVE IT TO YOU?

HOW  
COULD I LIKE  
YOU GOT  
DELICIOUS  
MANGELAND

WHA...  
ALSO  
MANGELAND?  
WHAT'S  
MANGELAND?  
YOU  
LOOK SO  
FOUR  
OUT!

WELL,  
ABOUT  
THAT

I THOUGHT YOU  
SAID YOU  
WROTE THE ONE  
WHO PUT IT  
THERE, YOU?

I FOUND  
IT IN MY  
LUGGAGE,  
WITHOUT A  
CARD OR  
ANYTHING

IT'S A PRESENT  
FROM ME AND MY  
SCYMPHOUSY THIS  
MAY BE YOUR  
WANT TO AN  
AMUSEMENT PARK  
SOMETHING

SO  
CUTE!

NO WAY!  
THANK  
YOU!

THIS IS FROM  
ME! HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
MENA!



WOW,  
YOU'RE SO  
LUCKY FOR  
YOU IT'S  
ALWAYS  
SPRINTING  
LONG

IT'S NOT  
TAKING  
BAD  
IT'S FUN

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THAT  
WHAT'S SO  
GOOD ABOUT  
GOING TO AN  
AMUSEMENT  
PARK WITH A  
GUY?

THERE'S NO  
WAY I'D EVER  
WASTE MY  
TIME DOING  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT

YOU'VE GOT A  
POINCE WHO  
REMARKS YOUR  
BIRTHDAY AND  
GIVES YOU  
PRESENTS TOO,  
AFTER ALL.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?

WELL, YOU'RE  
IN THE  
SAME  
BOAT NOW

SOMEHOW  
THEY DON'T  
OBEY ME!

BUT I  
WONDER  
JUST WHO  
GAVE ME  
THIS

I SHOULD  
IT JUST  
BE A  
POINCE

PRESENT?

HEY,  
WALLY

NO,  
THAT  
CAN'T  
BE...

HEY, HING,  
WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING  
WHEN ABOUT  
TO GO?

WALLY  
ALREADY

END

SCARROW  
ALMOST SEEMS  
LIKE A  
STANDARD  
IN ANOTHER  
CLASS ROOM,  
FULL OF OTHER  
STANDARD

SINCE I WAS  
SUPPOSED TO  
GET HERE EARLY  
TODAY.

1-2

100

HE'S  
MACHING  
MET

☆

UNAH

WELL I  
WANTED TO  
ASK YOU  
SOMETHING

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
HERE?

WHAT  
AN  
ASS!

ACTING  
SO PROTEC-  
TIVE







KYAAA

JUST LIKE A LITTLE  
SHOT WOODS KID

OH, IS THAT  
WHY YOU'RE  
DADDYING  
AROUND  
THAT TEDDY  
BEAR?

HEYYY, DIDN'T YOU  
KNOW, TODAY IS  
MINA'S BIRTHDAY??

RAE

WHY DID  
YOU PICK  
UP THAT  
BOY?

HEY! MINA  
DAN AWAY!

OH WELL,  
SOMEHOW THIS  
BIRTHDAY HAS  
BEEN PRETTY  
GOOD ANYWAY

WAKE UP!  
BE HEADLESS  
AND DON'T  
DREAMING

I WONDER  
IF THAT  
CRESCENT  
MARMALADE  
REALLY DID  
COME FROM  
HIM AFTER  
ALL?









WHY  
ARE YOU  
DISCOVERING  
ME YOUR MAMA?

YOU DO NO  
WANT YOU  
WANT YOU DON'T  
HAVE A PRETTY  
FACE THEN  
HOWDO YOU  
HAVE TO BELIE  
ME YOUR MAMA?

WHY  
SHOULD  
I HAVE TO  
WALK YOU  
HOME?

LOOKS LIKE MAMA IS  
BEING PROTECTED BY  
MOTHERS. AS USUAL!

WHY DID YOU  
HAVE TO SAY SUCH  
MEAN THINGS ALL  
THE TIME...



SHUT UP! THIS  
IS NONE OF YOUR  
BUSINESS, BUT  
STAY YOUR NOSE  
WHERE IT BELONGS!

YOU'RE  
SO LAME. ARE YOU  
SURE  
YOU'RE  
REALLY A  
BOY?

HOW DARE  
YOU?

WHY  
DON'T  
YOU  
CHILL  
OUT

AND STOP  
FOLLOWING  
ME AROUND!

EVERYONE IS  
DROPPING  
OF YOU FOR  
MARRYING SUCH  
A POOR, OLD  
GIRL!

HEY!  
ALREADY WALK  
ME HOME  
TODAY!

COME  
ON, MAMA,  
WE'VE GOT  
PROMISES!



By  
MINA & ARASHI



WITH YOU  
ON THE  
WOLF TEAM,  
MINA, AND  
TSUKANOTO  
AS THE CAPTAIN  
OF THE BOYS  
TEAM, OUR  
SCHOOL IS  
SURE TO  
WIN THE  
TOURNAMENT!

YEAH!

MINA,  
THIS'LL BE  
AN EASY  
WIN FOR  
US!

MINA

REALLY?

WHAT'S  
WORSE? YOU  
SEEM IMPAT

NO  
WAY

WHAT?

WAS CHOSEN TO PLAY  
AGAINST THIS GUY, MINA!  
SO FAR HE'S BEATING THE  
1TH GRADER HE'S FACING  
OFF AGAINST — IT'S  
INCREDIBLE!

ALL THIS  
TALK!

IT'S  
GONE TO  
BE A REALLY  
CLOSE  
MATCH I  
THINK

OH  
WOOF  
NOW'S  
THE BOYS  
TEAM  
AGAIN!

AWAY!

HEE  
HEE



WHAT THE HELL - HE'S  
TAKING A GIRL WHO CAN'T  
EVEN PART OF HIS TEAM,  
ON THE COURT WITH HIM?  
WHAT THE HELL.

I'M SORRY,  
BUT TAKE A  
PEEK!

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UNLESS  
YOU WANT  
HE COMES  
OUT TO THE  
COURT TO  
PRACTICE  
EVERY DAY  
WITHOUT FAIL.

ONE & TWO  
LAST YEAR,  
I WENT  
OUTLY  
GOOD.

DID YOU  
SEE THE  
BURN?

WHAT'S  
SO TIGHT  
ABOUT THAT?  
WHAT A  
Joke.

I THINK I  
SHOULD BE  
FOLLOWING HIM  
AROUND NOW.



EVEN THOUGH  
HE DON'T STAND  
OUT MUCH IN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL,  
NOW HE DOES.  
BECAUSE HE'S SO  
ENTHUSIASTIC.

THAT  
ARAD!

YOU KNOW  
HE WAS A  
BULFROG  
NOW.

DID  
YOU  
KNOW?

THERE'S  
SOMEONE HE  
USED A LOT.

ARAD  
HAS  
SOMEONE  
LIKE  
THAT IN  
MIND?

WHAT?

NO WAY  
I HAD NO  
IDEA.

I DON'T  
EVEN  
HAVE A  
CLUE.

ANYWAY,  
ARAD, I  
WISHED YOU  
WAS SOME  
NATURAL-ONE  
TODAY!!

IT'S  
FROM  
WHERE I  
WON.















POBT

CHRY

Poht  
Poht



POBT



IT WOULDN'T  
YOUR FAULT?

WELL, BECAUSE  
IT'S MY  
FAULT?

WHY ARE  
YOU APOLLO-  
GIZING?



I'M  
SORRY



HE WOULD  
HARDLY  
DETACH

IS IT ALWAYS  
LIKE THIS

WHY?

BETWEEN  
US?

ANYTHING  
ELSE YOU  
WANTED TO  
SAY?

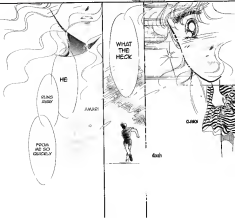
WHA

ABOUT THAT MAGICAL-AGE

WHA?

YOU CAN'T  
BE SERIOUSLY  
ASKING ABOUT  
THAT, HANA.







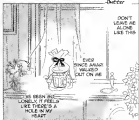
YOU HAVE  
A PRINCE  
WHO SAYS  
YOU BIRTHDAY  
PRESENTS

YOU'RE IN  
THE SAME  
BOAT, KING

I DON'T NEED A PRINCE



IF A PRINCE  
WOULD STAY  
BY MY SIDE,  
THAT WOULD  
BE ENOUGH  
TO MAKE ME  
HAPPY



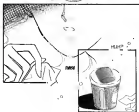
DON'T  
LEAVE ME  
ALONE  
LIKE THIS

WE BEEN SO  
LONELY, IT FEELS  
LIKE THERE'S A  
HOLE IN MY  
HEART

ANAO



IS THE ONE  
I LOVE



NO WAY! I JUST  
BOUGHT THIS  
ONE! I'LL GIVE IT TO  
YOU FOR YOUR  
BIRTHDAY NEXT  
YEAR!



I WANT YOUR  
HEADBAND AND  
YOUR NEW HOOT  
BAND TOO, IT'S SO  
COOL!

A NEW  
BAND?



SOUP

WHAT  
THE HECK?

THIS ISN'T  
SWEET,  
IT'S LEMON  
RASPBERRY



IT'S  
SOUP

AH-HA!







SO IT WAS ANAHI AFTER ALL?

HE DID DELIVERED

AND GAVE ME

THIS FOR MY

SIXTHDAY



I WISH  
I'LL GO  
CHICK  
FOR HIM  
ANYWAY

WHO ARE  
THERE DO  
KAWA  
GOLD IN  
ANAKI'S  
COURT?



WOOD HOO?



YA-  
YAYOI!

MINA! YOU'RE  
LATE! I THOUGHT  
YOU WEREN'T  
GOING TO SHOW  
UP!

COME ON  
HURRY UP  
IT'S ABOUT  
TO START!



HEY LOOK!  
LOOK AT  
MINA'S ADW!

HEHEHE!



YAYOI! WE  
DON'T NEED  
TO GET TO  
THE POOL  
NOW!

NO! WE'RE  
NOT TO GET  
TO THE POOL  
FROM, ON  
ELSE YOU  
WENT TO  
SEE



WOOD  
HOO?









TO CHEER FOR THE  
PERSON I LOVE!

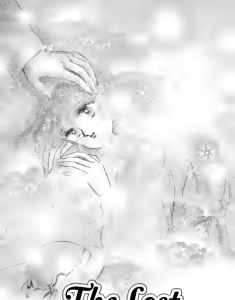
★★ THE END ★★

When I wrote "The Last Girl's Song", I was in a stage where all I did was irritate the guy I had a crush on, I really, really loved him. But I was terrible at telling him about it...he had a really sweet face, and when he asked me, "What's the matter, what do you want?" I loved that too, its made so that I bothered him with nothing problems.

ANYWAY! Off topic. I am really bad at physical (Even though I think it's fascinating). Even though I'm terrible at the subject, my senior thesis in college was on the field medical use of electrical engineering in ultrasound. In fact, I was an intern at my university's hospital for a while. The paper was a really difficult one to write. The title of the thesis was "Heightened Effects of Thermolytic Action Due to Ultrasound". Or something like that...

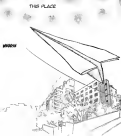
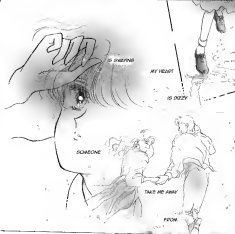
Speaking of which, when I was in the process of writing this comic, I was actually doing experiments like the one I mentioned, infecting growing E.Coli and Tubercle Bacilli cultures. For real.





# *The Lost Child's Swing*







THAT'S MY  
TEAM

MY  
TEACHER  
HAD THAT  
BACK

CONSIDER  
THE  
OCEAN  
IS IT

CHINA

Toku Mima 45

What's that 'Toku' thingy mean  
over that head



AS TOKU MIMA  
YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO  
BE ABLE TO GET INTO  
HIGH SCHOOL IF YOU  
KEEP GETTING THE SAME  
GRADER AS YOUR  
STUDENT NUMBER

THAT  
TEACHER

IS SUCH  
A JOKE

LATELY THAT  
TEACHER HAS BEEN  
COMING OVER TO  
MY HOUSE

I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND

WELL, AND I WAS  
JUST ABOUT TO GO  
PAY YOU A VISIT

HAAAA, OF ALL  
THE PEOPLE TO FIND  
MY TEST SCORE. WHY  
DID IT HAVE TO BE THAT  
TEACHER? I WAS  
DOING TERRIBLE THAT  
EXAM

SHINJI  
SHINJI

JEOP, HE'S SNEAKING  
EVEN THOUGH HE'S  
SUPPOSED TO BE MY  
PRIVATE TUTOR!

WH

HEY  
SAM

SHH

I THINK  
HE'S AWKWARD  
LIKE HIM

TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS  
GLITSY & CHARACTER. I  
HEARD HE FOUND YOUR  
PAPER AIRPLANE TEST  
AND SCOLDING YOU...

DEAR  
DEAR

ISN'T SHE  
PRETTY?  
ARE YOU  
AWAKE  
NOW?

HOW  
LONG  
HAS  
TAKEN  
FOR?

TEACHER  
THIS IS  
SOMEONE  
A  
SUCH  
PERSON

WH

H

WH

ISN'T SHE  
PRETTY?



AN OHAYO

DO TEACHER,  
NOW IN JAPAN,  
COME?

OH, HEH? IT'S  
NO BIG DEAL, SHE  
STILL NEEDS TO  
STUDY HARDER.

THIS IS  
CHINA, YA

AHH, YEAH, I'M  
JINXED. ANNA, YOU  
NEVER TOLD ME  
YOU HAD SUCH A  
PRETTY COLORED  
BUSTIER!

NO

GOOD



AHHAHA, I KNOW YOU PASSED YOUR  
ENTRANCE EXAMS TO HIGH SCHOOL, THE  
FIRST TIME WITH NO PROBLEMS... BUT I'M  
WORRIED THAT ANNA WON'T BE ABLE TO  
DO THE SAME



MADE ME  
LOOK SO  
STUPID IN  
FRONT OF  
MY BUSTED

HOW  
COULD  
THAT  
TEACHER

GOOD



JEAL, I GET NOW SHE'S  
GOING TO LOCK HERSELF  
IN HER ROOM AND BALK.  
NOW, I'LL GO CHECK HER  
UP, SHE'S GO DOWN



HEH

HEY,  
MINA!



MY OLDER  
SISTER IS  
NOTHING LIKE  
ME

PRETTY ADULT  
BENT

THOUGHTFUL  
ABOUT MY  
OLDER SISTER



TEACHER, WOULD  
YOU LIKE ANOTHER  
CUP OF TEA?



A  
CHILD



AM REALLY IN MY SKIN...  
I THINK I MIGHT BE



SHOE

HARGE

FOOTSTEP



SH-SH

SH-SH

SH-SH  
YOU





ENTER

BE  
QUIET

ENTER

WE'RE GONNA  
GO AHEAD,  
GOIN'



IT'S  
JUST THAT



I GUESS  
I JUST  
DON'T HAVE  
THE DRIVE  
TO BELIEVE  
WARD

DO  
SOME  
THING



RECK-  
ON-UP?

YOU GOT THIS  
TERRIBLE SCENE  
AHEAD? WHAT'S  
THE DEAL?



DO YOU  
HATE  
PHYSICS?









YOU TWO  
LOOK JUST  
ALIKE WHEN  
YOU LAUGH  
LIKE THAT



YEAH



BUT EVEN THEN,  
YOU'RE STILL

SHIN



I THINK  
THAT'S THE  
FIRST TIME  
ANYONE  
HAS EVER  
SAID WE  
LOOK  
ALIKE

ONLY LOOKING

IT SOUNDS



KEEP EVER

ARE ALWAYS  
WATCHING SHIN

HAHA! I KNOW, WHENEVER I COME OVER I JUST ALWAYS FEEL IN THE MOOD TO STUDY PHYSICS.

TEACHER: WHEN DO YOU GET ALL YOUR JERKON FROM?

SLOWLY, ANYWAY.

LET'S DO A FEW MORE PRACTICE PROBLEMS NOW.

CRACK, WELL TAKE YOUR TIME WRAP UP THE BOOKS WORK?

TEACHER: REALLY IN AN HOUR AFTER ALL...

TO SPEAK

ONE

I CAN ALMOST FEEL NOW ONE

THAT'S AS DELICATE AS A BIRD'S

FEATHER?

HAHA!



EVERYONE!

HEAR,  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT

THINK THAT TOOL  
IS MY TEACHER



ARE YOU  
SURE, LIKE MY  
MOMMIE



I'M DOING AN EXPERIMENT AT  
COLLEGE NOW, BECOMING MORE &  
OLD AND TURNING BACK  
CULTURES, AND I COULDN'T GET  
ANY. WINKA CAME WITH ME TO  
SCHOOL. I'VE GOTTA PICK UP SOME  
PERFUME BOXES



WINKA  
WINKA  
WINKA  
WINKA



AH

HAH

IT ALMOST  
FEELS LIKE  
GOING ON A  
DATE



WINK

I WONDER  
IF THAT GUY  
SHE'S WITH  
IS HER  
BOYFRIEND



HEY LOOK,  
DARWIN  
IS OVER  
THERE



HUHP

AND YOU GU  
HERE WITH  
TEACHES TOOK



HEY AHHH  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?



SH-SH

SH-SH

AFTER  
BARBEC  
WENT  
THROUGH  
ALL THAT  
TRICKLE  
TO

I WONDER  
WHAT'S  
WRONG



SH-SH  
SH-SH  
SH-SH



I THINK I'VE JUST  
BORED TO GO HOME  
WHY DON'T YOU GO  
AHEAD WITH SHINAKO  
INSTEAD?

TEACHES





NO WAY  
WHY DID I...

IS HE  
RAD AT  
ALL?

DO THAT?

TEACHES

NOT RAD



DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND



I'LL GET LOST

ARE  
YOU

TEACH

IN A  
BETTER  
MOOD  
NOW?

TEACHES  
YOU'RE  
ACCOM-  
MODATED

TEACHES

WHEN I  
WAS IN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL, I  
ACCIDENTALLY  
CRASHED MY  
EYES INTO A  
DUMP TRUCK  
AND A PERFECT

BACK

I COULDN'T  
HEAR ANYTHING  
FOR A WEEK SO  
EVER SINCE THEN

DID YOU  
ALWAYS GET  
INTO PEOPLE'S  
EYES WHEN YOU  
SPOKE TO THEM  
LIKE THIS?

REALLY  
FRUSTRATED  
IF I CAN'T LOOK  
DIRECTLY AT  
SOMEONE'S FACE  
WHEN TALKING TO  
THEM

I ALWAYS  
GET

SOME-  
TIMES THERE'S

A HIGH  
OFFERED  
SCORE IN  
THE AIR

AND IT  
COULD BE  
EVERYTHING  
BUT

ON  
CLEAR  
GIRLS



ON THE  
OTHER HAND  
I SEE  
HOW BALANCE



IS IT SCARY  
WHEN YOU CAN'T  
HEAR WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
AROUND YOU?



PEOPLE  
ARE  
ALWAYS

BEING  
OBSERVED  
OUT  
BY THE SOUND  
OF 50 HERTZ  
NOISE WAVES

YOU  
JUST  
DON'T  
NOTICE  
IT.

COULD BE  
NICE

IT'S  
LIKE  
THAT  
EVEN  
NOW.



AND IF  
WAVE WE  
FEEL NOISE AT  
EARS WITH MY  
TEMPORARY  
HEARING  
LOSS

I COULDN'T  
HEAR  
ANYTHING,  
I THOUGHT  
ABOUT  
THOSE  
NOISE

BACK  
WHEN



MEAN, THEY'RE  
SOUND  
WAVE  
YOU NORM-  
ALLY  
DON'T  
HEAR

NOISE









IF YOU  
CAN'T  
COME  
THEN  
FINE.

WHAT-  
EVER



I'm sure if you ask  
around, you can find  
someone in your class  
to tutor you in my  
place.

YOU  
CAN'T  
DOME?

I can't,  
but if you...



Actually,

It doesn't look like  
I'll be able to come for  
the next three weeks,  
this experiment is a long  
one

**SLAM**



WAITED  
FROM NOW  
ON, HE  
SHOULD BE  
YOUR  
PAPER  
TUTOR  
INSTEAD.



YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
HE LIKES,  
HASN'T  
YOU  
NOTICED  
ANYWAY?



WHAT'S WRONG? IS IT  
SOMETHING WITH YOUR  
TEACHER? I FEEL BAD FOR  
HIM, WITH YOU HANGING  
UP ON HIM LIKE THAT. YOU  
KNOW, IF YOU LIKE HIM,  
YOU SHOULDNT TREAT  
HIM THAT WAY



FINE BY  
ME, HAIL, WE  
CAN SWITCH  
PLACES





NO, I'M NOT

HEY

OH NO

ARE YOU UPSET WITH ME OVER WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY?

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT BETWEEN ME

AND MINA

THAT WAS NOT WHAT I MEANTED HIM TO SAY

MINA

YEAH



MINA

I REALLY DON'T

MINA, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE HAD A CRUSH ON HIM.



MINA, THAT WAS MY INTENTION

MINA, I DON'T GET SO UPSET I REALLY DO

PLAN TO GIVE HIM BACK TO YOU

THAT PICTURE, I JUST PUT IT THERE BECAUSE I WAS Tired OF LOOKING AT IT BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TOUCH IT WITHOUT ASKING!

GET  
OUT!

SEND HIM BACK?

SEND HIM  
BACK TO  
JED?

WHAT DID  
SHE MEAN

ALL  
TEACHERS  
DOOPY

HEY

THOSE TOTAL IDIOTS

REALLY DO LOOK  
LIKE JAPANESE DOLLS

WOW  
HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU THAT  
YOUR HAIR IS AS LIGHT AND FLUFFY  
AS A BIRD'S FEATHERS?

THIS IS  
SWEET!

HEY

YOU TWO LOOK SO ALIKE

ISN'T SHE PRETTY? SHE'S MY  
SIS! SISTER, I'M SO  
PROUD OF HER

AWAY, KEEP WORKING HARD!

SOON YOU'LL BE IN HIGH  
SCHOOL WITH US!

YEAH, COME WITH US TO HIGH SCHOOL, AWAY!

IS THIS

YOUR  
BOY-  
FRIEND  
MAMA?

I THOUGHT I  
SAID YOU  
NOT TO GET  
IN ANOTHER  
FIGHT

040









GOING TO BE

LIKE THIS

POP

THE TWO WATCH AS THE  
SUBURBS





I FEEL SO DIZZY

HIWA!

I CAN'T FACE DUN OR MY  
TEACHER ANYMORE. I JUST CAN'T



Hiwa!  
Where the  
hell are  
you?

HIWA!

HELLO?



UNTIL

I CAN'T  
BE LIES  
RED



I'M NOT  
DUNKED

RED  
HON



HURRY UP AND  
COME HOME, BE  
RESPONSIBLE!  
DUNKED AND YOUR  
TEACHER WENT OUT  
TO FIND YOU! WHY  
CAN'T YOU BE MORE  
LIKE YOUR SISTER?



UNTIL TEACHER  
WENT BACK THERE,  
I'M NOT COMING  
HOME

HIWA!





I WATCHED  
EVERYONE  
FIND HIM  
OVER ME FOR  
SO LONG

I'VE BEEN  
SO

SHE'S NOT  
THE GIRL  
I USED TO  
I INTEND TO  
BE SO  
PROUD OF

NO  
JEALOUS  
OF BARBARO  
I COULD BE



AND SO  
FAMOUS

NO MATTER  
WHAT I DO, I'LL  
NEVER BE A  
MATCH FOR  
BARBARO

ALWAYS  
OPEN SO  
HARD

IT'S



I KNOW  
BUT

BARBARO IS  
COMING

I KNOW THAT  
DEEP DOWN,  
I'M A BAD  
PERSON

BUT NO  
MATTER  
HOW  
HARD I  
WORK

I CAN  
NEVER BE  
LIKE  
BARBARO

AND HERE  
I'M



THAT-  
OH?

BUT I  
DON'T

REALLY  
TERRIBLE.

WHY ARE  
YOU SO  
KIND TO  
ME?

BECAUSE  
ANY OF  
IT

I HAD

SO MANY  
HORRIBLE  
THINGS  
TO YOU  
AND  
SANDRO



I'VE  
IRITATED  
YOU SO  
MUCH

I DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
YOU CAN PUT  
UP WITH  
SUCH A  
TROUBLESOME  
AND DIRT-LIKE  
ME

THE  
TRUTH  
IS, I'M

CREAK



I CARE  
ABOUT.

BUT  
REALLY  
YOU'RE  
THE ONE

THAT'S  
NOT  
TRUE!





CEASE



THE ALARM IS BEATING OFF



THE

I CAN'T

LEAVE  
YOU  
ALONE

WAITED FOR SO LONG



NO LONGER FOR YOU, TRAGEDY

FOR THE RIGHT REASON

TO TAKE ME FAR AWAY FROM HERE



YEAH



HEHEH!



LIKE A  
JAPANESE  
DOLL

AT  
ALL

OH, MAN,  
THAT HAD  
NOTHING TO  
DO WITH YOU

A  
BEAUTIFUL,  
DARK  
HAIR  
GIRL

YOU KNOW, WHEN  
I CUT MY HAIR OFF,  
ACON SAID IT  
MADE ME LOOK  
MORE LIKE YOU,  
MAN

A GIRL WITH  
LONG  
BLACK HAIR  
LIKE  
YOURS,  
MAN

HE  
HE HAD A  
GOLDFISH  
BACK AT HIS  
OTHER HIGH  
SCHOOL,

SAN?!

I WISH I  
COULD SEE  
YOU

ACON

TEACHER

ACON IS  
ALWAYS  
THINKING  
ABOUT YOU,  
IS HE?

NOW  
ONE'S  
WORRIED  
ABOUT HE  
LIKE SHE  
WORRIES  
ABOUT YOU



CROSSING  
THE OCEAN,  
TEACHER,  
YOU ARE

WHISTLING SOUND OF THE WIND

THE CRYING



★★ THE END ★★

~ Always Together ~

My editor just loved the names I chose for the dogs in this story, Aniline and Acetanilide. Actually, those names... are kind of scary. They're both the names of compounds that came up over and over again in the organic chemistry class I had to take in college, which I hated so much I wanted to die to escape having to go to it.



Aniline



Acetanilide

Anyway, thank you for reading my unusually personal short stories! I wonder what your impressions of them are. The next book that will be published of mine is *Pretty Soldier Sailor Moon* volume 4! I'll see you again there. Remember, the password is Moon Crystal Power, Make Up!



I've written it with love so that Sailor Moon transforms beautifully.



Thank you so very much for reading this story.

April 1993  
Naoko Takeuchi



1993, 4.

*Naoko Takeuchi*



**always  
together ♡**



YUMIKO~!



YUMIKO, YOU BROUGHT YOUR LITTLE DOG WITH YOU TO SCHOOL AGAIN?

WELL,



ACCH~!



ACK!

WHA!

TOSHI!  
HE KURICH!

LET'S  
BRING HIM  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL,  
WITH US!



TOSHI?

WHA!

THAT'S THE  
NAME TOSHI  
HAD GAVE UP  
WITH

ACCH~!



NO WORRY,  
I'LL SEE  
YOU LATER!

ACK

YOU  
CAN'T HAVE  
FORGOTTEN  
WHAT TODAY  
IS!

TOSHI!

ANYWAY I'VE GOT  
TO GET GOING.

THEY'RE  
DOING ROAD  
WORK ON THE  
HIGH I TAKE  
HOME SO...

TODAY  
TOSHI IS  
COMING TO  
MY HOUSE.

ARE YOU  
DOING  
SOMETHING  
SPECIAL  
TODAY?

GOD

TODAY

IS A REALLY  
REALLY  
IMPORTANT DAY

THE DAY THAT TOSHI  
COMES TO PAY  
RESPECTS TO ANILINE\*

TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF  
ANILINE'S DEATH

\*note: Aniline, phenylamine or aminobenzene is an organic compound with the formula  $C_6H_5NH_2$ . Consisting of a phenyl group attached to an amino group, aniline is the prototypical aromatic amine. Being a precursor to many industrial chemicals, its main use is in the manufacture of precursors to polyanilines.





YOU BROUGHT ANJINE  
WITH YOU TO SCHOOL  
AGAIN?

BY BELIEVED ANJINE

ENTER

BUT ANJINE HADN'T  
SEEN FEELING TOO  
WELL LATELY IN  
WONDER ABOUT HER SO  
I WANTED TO KEEP AN  
EYE ON HER

WAS SHE THE  
ONE IN THE  
LOCK TOWER?

YUMMO, YOU'RE  
IMAGINATIVE  
ABLE

IS THIS IN  
THE CASE HE  
WAS TALKING  
ABOUT

OUTER

HAH?  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
MEAN?

ANJINE!

ISNT TOMMY THAT  
GUY YOU USED TO  
PLAY A LOT WITH  
WHEN YOU WERE  
BOTH LITTLE KIDS?

I GET NOW SINCE  
HE'S TRANSFERRED  
TO OUR SCHOOL,  
YOU GUYS ARE  
CLOSE AGAIN RIGHT?

THAT'S  
NOT  
NO!

MR. KUCHI SAID  
THAT BECAUSE  
YOU WERE  
REALLY CLOSE  
TO HIS DICK,  
YENKID

FLASH

YENKID

ANYWAY, JARLINE IS  
YOUR PRECIOUS  
DOG THAT GUY  
TOMMY GAVE TO  
YOU, RIGHT  
YENKID?

FOR BABY

LET'S GO

WOOF!

YEAH, I KIND OF ALREADY BELIEVE THAT SOMEBODY

BEHOLD, IT'S  
MR. KUCHI

CANT REALLY  
MAKE OUT  
ANYTHING  
EXCEPT MY  
FACE ANYMORE!

YENKID, WHAT  
THE HELL  
KIND OF  
THINGS ARE  
YOU TEACHING  
TO THAT DOG  
OF YOURS?

IS HE  
DUMB?





DON'T YOU RECOMMEND  
THIS DRESS  
FROM A LONG  
TIME AGO.

FROM  
BACK  
WHEN.

NO.

HEY  
DREAM  
WITH  
THAT NEW  
UNIFORM  
OF YOURS.

ARE YOU  
A NEW  
TRANSFER  
STUDENT? OR  
SOMETHING?

OH  
YOU MUST  
BE, SINCE  
EVERYONE  
HERE  
WEARS A  
UNIFORM.

I FELT SOME KIND OF INTRUSION

WOT TALKIN' ABOUT DID I  
THINK THAT WAS  
TODAY?

THAT WAS  
DEFINITELY  
POSSIBLE SINCE  
I'VE NEVER  
MET THAT BOY  
BEFORE.

WOT?



WHY I THOUGHT IT WAS HIM,  
AT LEAST A BLUNDER.



YEAH YAMMO, I  
HEAR THAT AND  
CLICK MEETS ONE  
OF YOUR GOOD  
LUCK CHARM  
TOO

NO YAMMO, YOU  
SHOULD MAKE A GOOD  
LUCK CHARM FOR HIM  
TOO, DON'T YOU  
THINK?



I'LL  
MAKE  
ONE

THAT IS SHOCKING  
SO SHOCKING IN  
FACT THAT I  
DON'T THINK



ANLINE LOOKED SO  
HAPPY, I'M REALLY  
SHOCKED THAT IT  
WASN'T TODAY AFTER  
ALL...

I KNOW WHAT'S  
BOOTHERING YOU! THAT  
GUY ANLINE JUMPED ON  
THE OTHER DAY, IT  
WASN'T TODAY WAS IT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
TOO SHOCKING?

HEN DO YOU  
KNOW, HE SAID  
HE'S GOING TO BE  
TAKING THE  
MUNICIPAL EXAM.



WOW, SO  
CUTE!

THIS IS NICE, WHERE  
DID YOU BUY THIS  
CLOTH?











AR-  
ERRORS  
ME

SO I'LL  
MAKE HIM A  
GOOD LUCK  
CRISM...

SHOULD  
ALSO BE  
HIM JUST  
TRYING TO  
SWEETEN  
ME UP.

I've got  
my sense  
about so  
break up  
OK.

still got  
that robot?

Yeah.

OH NO  
HE'S LEAVING  
ALREADY!

HE-

WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO?

TO-

WHAT THE  
HELL IS A  
PHEW,  
CHANGING THE  
AROUND LIKE  
THIS?

DRAG

HEY YOU!

THANK YOU  
SO MUCH!







I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WHEN HE GET AGAIN



CHARTER



HE SHOULD BE PRESENT

ANGEL  
SCHOOL TO  
KEEP YOU  
WORTHY...  
LET'S GO  
HOMES

I FEEL LIKE  
SUCH AN IDOT

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE I  
WAS  
OBLIVIOUS  
ALL THIS  
TIME OF A  
CRUCIAL  
DECISION

TOMMY DIDN'T  
REMARKED ME  
OF ANGEL'S AT  
ALL

I WISH WE  
COULD REVEAL  
THAT IMPORTANT  
TO HIM AFTER  
ALL

ANGEL  
IS  
GONE!

WHAT COULD  
HAVE HAPPENED  
MY DEAR

WHAT  
COULD  
ANGEL  
DO?

I KNOW I  
TOLD ANGEL  
OF MY  
FEELINGS

**BANG**



HEY LANA... DO YOU  
REMEMBER JINGLI? HAVE  
YOU SEEN HIS ACCOUNT?  
THIS IS THAT GUNNY YOU  
SAID HE WAS BLIND WHEN,  
AND SHE'S HIDING.

YEN



TOSHI!



I'M KIND OF  
IN A HURRY

WOULD YOU PLEASE  
STOP CALLING ME  
TOSHI?

WAT

I HAVE  
NO IDEA



YEN

JINGLI IS  
THE DOG  
YOU SAID  
HE AFTER  
ALL

TOSHI,



LET GO  
OF ME

I JUST  
WANTED TO  
TALK TO YOU

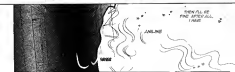
LET GO?







IF TOMMY AND ANJINE FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING





XTAAAAA--

being

BOUNCE BOUNCE

HEHO

BOA

BOUNCE

BOUNCE

BOUNCE

BOUNCE

BOUNCE

HAPA, YOU DOOK (BROOD)  
SCOTTED BY YOUR OWN  
JACK IN THE BOX, WHAT  
THE HECK.



Book 1



ACE



WHAT? WHY NOT?

I'M GOING TO TAKE THE BUSWAY

ARE YOU TAKING THE CO LINE TO



ACE



MY HANDS USUALLY GET WARM, JUST FROM HOLDING ANYONE

OH, NO



WITH YOU?



DO YOU HAVE FLUORID



TOMMY

slide

K'RAM



TOOHE

TOOHE

TOOHE TOOHE

TOOHE



TOOHE

☆

TOOHE

TOOHE



TOOHE

TOOHE

TOOHE



SUBWAY

TOOHE



TOOHE

TOOHE

TOOHE

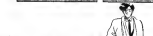
TOOHE



SORRY  
AND  
KUNIO  
BUT  
YOU'LL  
DO JUST  
FINE ON  
YOUR  
EXAMS  
WITHOUT  
MY  
HELP

NO  
WAND  
I'M  
A  
GOOD  
SCHOOL

UNNO



ANYWAY  
YOU GOTTA  
GO STUDY









WOOF!

WOOF!

WHY DOES THIS  
DOG ONLY EVER  
WANT TO PLAY  
WITH YOU?

OW!

CROMP

16:00

1. LANGUAGE  
A. LIST  
B. NOTES

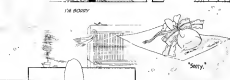
WHY

INTERVIEW  
SPECIAL





I'M SORRY











SINCE THEN

IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE I  
LOST ANILINE.

AND SINCE HE CAME TO  
MY HOUSE TO BRING ME  
MY NEW DOG,  
ACTIVILATE





TO THE  
FLOOR.

BUT TODAY, I  
WANTED TO GO  
WITH YOU

EVER SINCE  
ANIME!

"KIMMY"  
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH  
"ACEBANKLE". JUST LIKE I HOLD  
"MY ANIME" AND NOW THE TWO  
OF US ALWAYS WITH

WOOF!

TODAY

ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER